

**GREAT LACK OF CAVALRY TROOPS.**

Had Gen. A. J. Smith been furnished with a hundred cavalry, he could easily have captured Gen. Walker and his entire force, beside hundreds of horses and cattle. The only cavalry placed at his disposal during the expedition were fifty men from Gen. Elliott's Marine Brigade, who rendered valuable assistance in harassing the rear of the retreating column and in scouting on our flanks.

**THE PLANTING OF OUR COLORS.**

The question as to which regiment first planted their

before this expedition returns, and, with one good victory crowning the present operations of our combined forces, the head-a-headed monster will be pretty thoroughly squelched in Louisiana.

**DESTRUCTION OF THE MAGAZINES AT FORT DE RUSSEY, AND BAD LOSS OF LIFE.**

On Thursday evening, Gen. A. J. Smith gave orders to have the magazines of Fort De Russey blown up with gunpowder. To lay a train for so extensive an explosion is a hazardous undertaking, but the perilous task was performed by Lieut. Fanning, ordnance officer on Gen. Smith's staff, assisted by Quartermaster Ladd. The explosion took place at 10½ o'clock on Thursday night.

which was loaded with grape, among our men, but the design was thwarted. By 4 o'clock the freed prisoners were secured, the storm had ceased, and the moon began to gleam its silvery light upon the romantic but to the prisoners disagreeable scene. It was one o'clock, and the long and weary march of thirty-two miles over such difficult roads had well nigh exhausted even the energies of these iron men of the West. After rebuilding the bridge over Bayou Rapides, which the Rebels had partially destroyed, Gen. Mower, having accomplished his object, pushed on five miles and encamped for the night. Starting on his return at daybreak Tuesday morning, the expedition reached Alexandria at noon yesterday. At the 23d ult., the troops marching with as much apparent elasticity as though on their return from a short review.

**RETURN OF THE VICTORS WITH THE REBEL SHOOLS.**  
There was an exultant air about those determined

**The Methodist Church South—Address of the Rev. Dr. Newman.**  
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In accordance with the Government plan concerning the churches of the South, the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church have sent the Rev. J. P. Newman, D. D., to New-Orleans, to take charge of all the churches of that powerful denomination there. A very large audience, composed of some of the most influential citizens, assembled on the evening of the 23d inst., at the Carondelet street Church, to extend to the revered gentleman a cordial welcome.

On being introduced by the chairman, Dr. Newman said:

**The Twenty-sixth Massachusetts Regiment—Weather in Boston.**  
 Boston, Saturday, April 2, 1904.

The Twenty-sixth Massachusetts regiment, reorganized men, arrived this afternoon from New Orleans and proceeded direct to Lowell, where a grand public reception awaits them.

The easterly gale and rain-storm continues, with no certain indications of clearing up.